

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1262 - SB 1532

March 17, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines the offense of child endangerment to include a parent or custodian of a child eight years old or younger who negligently exposes the child to, or negligently fails to protect the child from, abuse or neglect resulting in physical injury to the child. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor. Expands the definition of serious bodily injury for purposes of aggravated child abuse and aggravated child neglect or endangerment to include a broken bone of a child if the child was eight years of age or younger at the time of the offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumption:

- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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